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**In the specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

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A1 --A device driver **22a** can learn enough about its operating environment to automatically select a persistency status that [~~it~~] is appropriate for that environment. By doing so, the device driver **22a** relieves system maintenance personnel from having to manually configure persistency status and reduces the possibility of error in doing so.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 19 with the following new paragraph:

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A2 --The example illustrates how a device-driver may adaptively switch between operating in persistent mode and operating in non-persistent mode as circumstances require. It does so by detecting the existence of an intermediate driver in memory.--

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